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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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SUBJ: FRG SUPPORTS PORTUGAL PUBLICLY

REF: THE HAGUE 2504

1. MAY 23 PRESS, TV AND RADIO CARRIED TEXT ISSUED BY GERMAN EMBASSY'S PRESS SERVICE APPLAUDING CHANGES IN PORTUGAL IN RECENT WEEKS. EMBASSY STATEMENT, WHICH EMBODIED MAY 21 BACKGROUNDER BY FRG FONOFF, EMPHASIZED GERMANY'S TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS. IT NOTED "INTEREST AND SYMPATHY" WITH WHICH FEDREPUBLIC HAD FOLLOWED EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. IT WELCOMED ANNOUNCED PORTUGUESE DESIRE TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH "INTERESTED GROUPS" CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF SELF-DETERMINATION TO ANGOLA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND MOZAMBIQUE. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH MENTION OF "IMPORTANT ROLE" NOW FALLING TO AFRICAN STATES IN OAU, SPECIFICALLY RECALLING 1969 LUSAKA DECLARATION. FEDREPUBLIC PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA THAT ARE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HARMONY WITH OBJECTIVES OF UN CHARTER.

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT DUTCH STATEMENT
ON NEW REGIME (REFTEL) CONCENTRATED ON DOMESTIC DEMOCRATI-
ZATION WHILE FRG STATEMENT FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY ON AFRICA.
DUTCH STATEMENT NOT PICKED UP BY PORTUGUESE PRESS.

3. ACCORDING FRG EMBOFF GOP HAS NOT RESPONDED OFFICIALLY, BUT
FRG EMBASSY LISBON CONSIDERS WIDE PLAY GIVEN BACKGROUNDER TO
CLEAR INDICATION THAT PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATIVE OF FRG
EFFORT. SCOTT

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